

PC B Investigating Tangent

Name _____

Per. _____ Team _____

Consider $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$

On $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$, where will $\tan x$ be undefined? _____

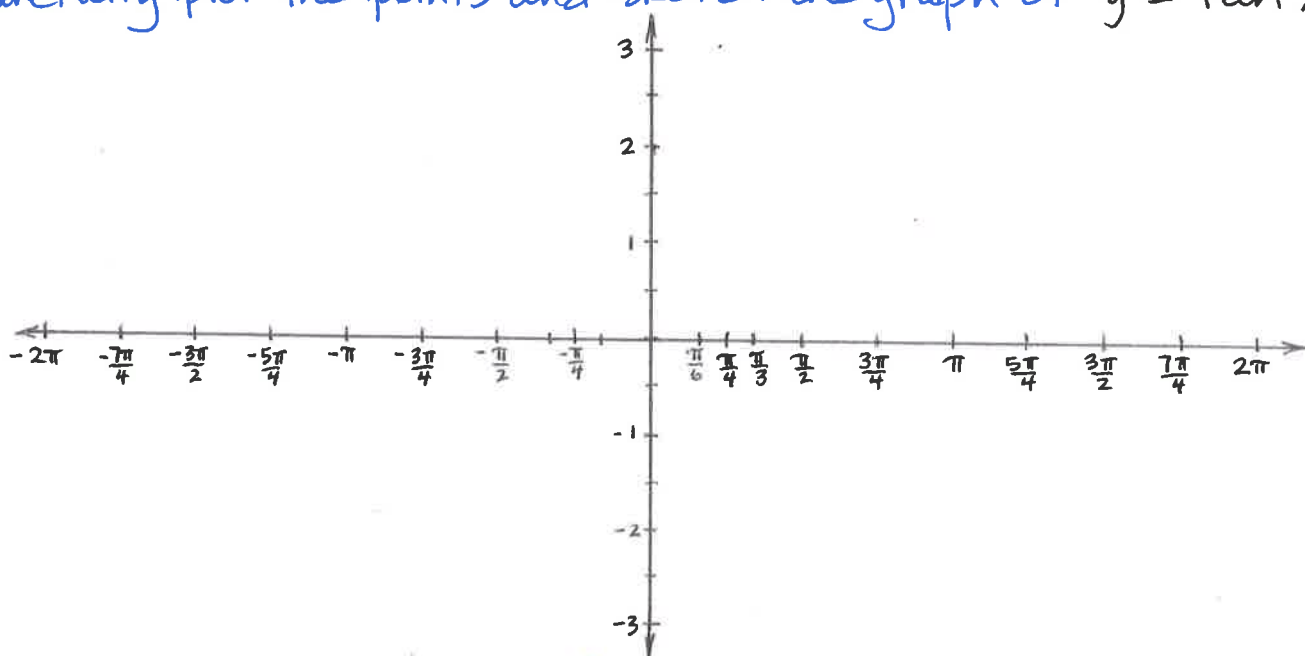
Where will $\tan x = 0$? _____

What would you expect to see on the graph of $y = \tan x$ at these locations?

Use your unit circle and make a few calculations to fill in the table:

x	$-\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$-\pi$	$-\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	π	$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	2π
$\tan x$ exact																			
$\tan x$ nearest tenth																			

Carefully plot the points and sketch the graph of $y = \tan x$



Lightly sketch the graph of $y = \cos x$ on the same graph above. Compare the graphs: How are they similar? How are they different? Compare the graphs where $\cos x = 0$.

Properties of the tangent: (Describe what you see on your graph)

Domain:

Range:

Where are x-intercepts located?

Where are asymptotes located?

Any symmetry?

How long before its pattern repeats?

Homework: (Attach on a separate sheet of paper)

Describe the transformations of $y = \sin x$, $y = \cos x$, or $y = \tan x$ for each function and state period, amplitude, line of oscillation, location of asymptotes where appropriate.

1. $y = 3 \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{6})$

5. $y = 6 + \tan(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$

2. $y = 2 + \cos(2x + \frac{\pi}{2})$

6. $y = -\tan x$

3. $y = -5 \cos x + 7$

7. $y = 1 + \sin(\pi x - 3\pi)$

4. $y = -3 + \frac{1}{2} \sin(6\pi - 2x)$

8. $y = -2 + \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$

Sketch the following graphs. Make sure your scale on both axes is clearly labeled for 2 cycles.

9. $y = 3 \sin x - 1$

12. $y = 1 + \sin(x + \pi)$

10. $y = -\tan x$

13. $y = -2 \sin(\pi x)$

11. $y = 3 - \cos(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$

14. $y = 3 \cos(-2x)$